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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Biggs et al :
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Filed: 02/14/00 : Group Art Unit: 1731
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For: SMOKING ARTICLE AND :
SMOKING MATERIALS :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002, and the Advisory Action dated May 17, 2002, please amend subject application accordingly:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 18, 25, 31 and 32 accordingly:

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1. (Twice Amended) A smoking material comprising from 6 to 30% by weight of a non-polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of triethylene glycol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol diacetate or a combination thereof, up to 20% by weight tobacco, binder at not more than 20% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.